

This resolution honors the Cuban people who have protested peacefully at great personal risk for their fundamental freedoms and a brighter future for their families. These are men and women of courage and character, confronting a ruthless and repressive regime.

Our resolution sends these patriots a simple message: America has your back.

I feel a deep sense of solidarity with the Cuban people. When I was a baby, my family fled a Communist country, and like many Cuban families, we found refuge and opportunity in America. And like so many Cuban Americans, I never take for granted the rights I am afforded in this country because I know what the alternative looks like.

Following the historic protests in Cuba, I offered a bipartisan amendment to an appropriations bill that would have increased funding to support democracy, human rights, political prisoners, and internet access in Cuba. To my grave disappointment, this amendment was prevented from coming to the floor of the House by members of my own party.

America must speak and act with moral clarity. We should support men and women standing up to authoritarian regimes across the globe, and especially in our shared neighborhood. I urge support for this bill.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SOTO).

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, let it be known, just 90 miles off the coast of our State of Florida is a murderous, socialist dictatorship that is murdering and crushing its people. Let it also be known across this Nation that Democrats and Republicans are coming together today to express solidarity with Cuban citizens demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms and democracy.

We saw it this summer when they took to the streets on the island as well as across our country including in Orlando. I was proud to stand in solidarity. Resolutions expressing support are important, but so is action, which is why, after this is done, we need to pursue other, more substantive policies like: stopping enslavement of Cuban doctors, putting more pressure for internet access on the island; addressing Havana syndrome and the attack on our diplomats, sanctions and U.N. action to stop even some of our own U.N. European allies from continuing to prop up this dictatorship. That will make a big difference.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, before we vote on this, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ), the driving force behind this.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Libertad para Cuba. Patria y vida.

(English translation of Spanish is as follows: Freedom for Cuba. Country and life.)

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like to first associate myself with the comments that the majority leader made at the beginning of his comments, where he described a significant overlap, a place here where both parties can come together to support this resolution. We all agree on the importance of human rights.

I am hopeful a dialogue on the policy differences that he mentioned occurs soon. The shift toward authoritarianism in Latin America continues, and I believe most of this body recognizes Cuba's hand in all of that.

Patria y vida. Cuba libre.

(English translation of Spanish is as follows: Country and life. Free Cuba.)

Once again, I want to thank my friends, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. SIREs, for leading this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. GREEN. I want to thank Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Mr. DIAZ-BALART, as well as our good friend Mr. SIREs, all of them, for their bipartisan leadership of this important resolution. I want to thank Senator MENENDEZ and Senator RUBIO for the same.

We have the opportunity today here, at this moment, to show unequivocally that the United States stands with the people of Cuba, that we stand with them in their desire for basic rights, that we want to see relations between the United States and the Cuban people flourish, that we support today and will always support the Cuban people in their pursuit of freedom, the right to free expression, and the right to live and be free.

I thank the bill sponsors for their important work on this resolution. I urge all of my colleagues to stand for human rights, to stand with the people of Cuba, and to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DEUTCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 760.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER) at 3 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.

REINFORCING NICARAGUA'S ADHERENCE TO CONDITIONS FOR ELECTORAL REFORM ACT OF 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1064) to advance the strategic alignment of United States diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DEUTCH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 387, nays 35, answered "present" 4, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 354]

YEAS—387

Adams	Bost	Chu
Aderholt	Bourdeaux	Cicilline
Aguilar	Boyle, Brendan	Clark (MA)
Allen	F.	Cleaver
Allred	Brady	Cline
Amodei	Brooks	Cloud
Armstrong	Brown	Clyburn
Arrington	Brownley	Clyde
Auchincloss	Buchanan	Cole
Axne	Bucshon	Comer
Babin	Budd	Connolly
Bacon	Burchett	Cooper
Baird	Burgess	Correa
Balderson	Bustos	Costa
Banks	Butterfield	Courtney
Barr	Calvert	Craig
Barragán	Cammack	Crawford
Bass	Carbajal	Crenshaw
Beatty	Cárdenas	Crist
Bentz	Carl	Crow
Bera	Carson	Cuellar
Bergman	Carter (GA)	Curtis
Beyer	Carter (LA)	David (KS)
Bice (OK)	Carter (TX)	Davidson
Bilirakis	Cartwright	Davis, Danny K.
Bishop (GA)	Case	Davis, Rodney
Bishop (NC)	Casten	Dean
Blumenauer	Castro (TX)	DeGette
Blunt Rochester	Cawthorn	DeBene
Boebert	Chabot	Delgado
Bonamici	Cheney	Demings